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Pennsylvania's 2007 Honey Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 6, 2008 - - Pennsylvania honey production in 2007 (from producers with five or more hives) totaled 1,050,000 pounds, down 6 percent from 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). There were an estimated 25,000 colonies statewide, which was down 3,000 colonies from the previous year. The average yield was 42 pounds per colony. The average yield per colony was 40 pounds in 2006. Total stocks of honey, as of December 15, 2007, were 326,000 pounds, 46 percent less than the previous year.

Honey producers in Pennsylvania received an average price of 163 cents per pound for the 2007 crop. Total value of honey produced in 2007 is estimated at 1,712,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production. Pennsylvania is ranked 23rd in the nation for honey production for 2007.

A sample of honey producers were contacted in December 2007 for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold during 2006 and 2007.

Nationally, honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. The yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced; therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier.

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.

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